

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-45 are pending.

Claims 1-6 and 15-45 have been allowed. Claims 7-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious from Lewis U.S. Patent No. 6,259,898 ("Lewis") in view of Bahl et al. U.S. patent No. 6,629,151 ("Bahl"). The Examiner notes that applicant's arguments presented 11/10/04 mistakenly identify claim 7 as a dependent claim.

Applicant's Reply

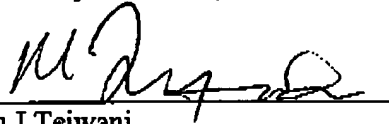
Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-6 and 15-45, and the Examiner's kind observation regarding the error in the dependency of claim 7 as listed in the previous Reply. Claim 7 has now been amended to explicitly depend from allowed parent claim 1. Therefore, dependent claims 7-14 now are patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance of which are requested.

If there are any remaining issues to be resolved, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner kindly contact the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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